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2.	This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1, 3-20 as originally filed/furnished

pages* 2, 2/1 received by this Authority on 17.01.2005

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the claims:

nos. 2-10 as originally filed/furnished

nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the drawings:

sheets 1-13 as originally filed/furnished

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☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	2-10	YES
	Claims	1, 11	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-11	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
<p>Document 1: JP 11-168620 A (Konica Corp.), 22 June 1999, paragraphs [0009]-[0033], fig. 1, 2, 4 (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2000-13628 A (Ricoh System Kaihatsu Co., Ltd.), 14 January 2000, paragraphs [0015]-[0027], fig. 2, 4, 10 (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 3: JP 6-152934 A (Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.), 31 May 1994, entire text, all drawings (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 4: JP 6-124075 A (Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.), 6 May 1994, paragraphs [0007] and [0008], fig. 6 (Family: none)</p> <p>The inventions set forth in claims 1 and 11 are disclosed in document 1 cited in the international search report, and thus, lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step. Document 1 discloses an image display device provided with a boundary position-determining means for vertically or horizontally dividing a display screen into a first region and a second region, a first display means for identifying an image signal pertaining to an image to be displayed in the first region, converting the color attributes of said image signal, and</p>			

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displaying an image in the first region based on the post-conversion image signal, and a second display means for identifying an image signal pertaining to an image to be displayed in the second region and displaying an image in the second region based on said image signal.

The invention set forth in claims 2 and 8 to 10 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 2 cited in the international search report. A person skilled in the art could easily conceive of applying the feature wherein color conversion is carried out using a color conversion table, disclosed in document 2, to the device disclosed in document 1.

The invention set forth in claims 3 and 4 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 3 cited in the international search report. A person skilled in the art could easily conceive of applying the feature wherein the position of a boundary between a first region and a second region is stored, disclosed in document 3, to the device disclosed in document 1.

The invention set forth in claims 5 to 7 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1, document 3, and document 4 cited in the international search report. A person skilled in the art could easily conceive of applying the boundary position-designating feature disclosed in document 4 to the device disclosed in document 1.